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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - DISPUTE WITH PERU - AMBASSADOR MEETS
WITH GILARDI

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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH AIR MINISTER GILARDI MARCH 21. GILARDI CONFIRMED MEETING OF CONCERNED CABINET MINISTERS ON MONDAY, MARCH 24, BUT SAID IT WOULD PROBABLY BE CONFINED TO PRIME MINISTER MORALES BERMUDEZ, TRANSPORT MINISTER MENESES, AEROPERU PRESIDENT SOTO, AND HIMSELF. THEY WOULD LISTEN TO SOTO PRESENT STATUS REPORT AND CONSIDER WHAT FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN. GILARDI PROMISED TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR AND TO CONSULT WITH HIM ON QUESTIONS INVOLVING THE U.S. POSITION. AMBASSADOR LEFT WITH HM PACKAGE OF MATERIALS, INCLUDING OUTLINE OF U.S. POSITION, AEROPERU'S PROPOSALS OF FEBRUARY 10 AND 17, AND THE DEPARTMENT'S QUESTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE SECOND PROPOSAL. GILARDI PROMISED TO STUDY THIS.

2. GILARDI TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT AEROPERU WISHED TO HAVE HEARING HELD ON SHOW CAUSE ORDER SINCE HE BELIEVED AEROPERU POSITION TO BE EQUITABLE. AMBASSADOR SAID HE
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UNDERSTOOD BUT THAT GILARDI SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ANOTHER

PROCESS INS RUNNING SIMULTANEOUSLY. HE THEN DESCRIBED
PART 213 ACTION AND REVIEWED U.S. POSITION AS CONTAINED
STATE 055582. HE EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. CONTINUES TO
DESIRE NEGOTIATED SOLUTION AND THAT SENIOR BRANIFF
OFFICIALS ARE PREPARED TO COME TO PERU AT MOMENTS NOTICE
FOR THIS PURPOSE. AMBASSADOR MADE POINT THAT, IN OUR
VIEW, AGREEMENT CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED IF DUSCUSSIONS
ARE HELD BETWEEN SENIOR OFFICIALS WHO CAN MAKE DECISIONS;
POSSIBLY GILARDI HIMSELF SHOULD TAKE PART. GILARDI
WAS ATTENTIVE BUT NONCOMMITTAL.

3. COMMENT: GILARDI'S ATTITUDE WAS FRIENDLY AND
RECEPTIVE. HE MADE NO THREATS SUCH AS SUSPENSION OF
ALL U.S. COMMERCIAL SERVICES (AS HE HAS DONE IN PUBLIC
IN THE PAST), AND HE SEEMED GENUINELY INTERESTED IN A
RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH AN EYE TOWARD A MUTUALLY
AGREEABLE SOLUTION WITHOUT CONFRONTATION.
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